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SUBJECT: AMERICAN MEDICAL TEAM TO IRAQ

1. THE PRESS HAS ALREADY NOTED THE TRAVEL OF THE AMERICAN
MEDICAL TEAM TO BAGHDAD. THE FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE FOR THE
DEPARTMENT'S USE ON AN IF-ASKED BASIS.

2. Q: CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT AN AMERICAN MEDICAL TEAM
RECENTLY WENT TO BAGHDAD, IRAQ?

A: IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT, WE
HELPED ARRANGE FOR A TEAM OF MEDICAL SPECIALISTS TO GO
TO BAGHDAD. THE TEAM INCLUDED DR. HUGO RIZZOLI, CHAIRMAN,
DEPARTMENT OF NEURO-SURGERY, GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
HOSPITAL; DR. HENRY FEFFER, PROFESSOR OF ORTHOPEDIC
SURGERY, GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL;
DR. SIDNEY AIDINIS, NEURO-ANESTHESIOLOGIST, GEORGE
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL; AND MISS PAT BAKER, NEURO-
SURGICAL NURSE. THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ PAID ALL
EXPENSES BUT THE TEAM MEMBERS DECLINED TO ACCEPT A FEE.

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THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ HAD SIMULTANEOUSLY INVITED TO
BAGHDAD MEDICAL SPECIALISTS FROM FOUR OTHER COUNTRIES.

(BACKGROUND FACT WHICH CAN BE NOTED: DR. RIZZOLI HAD
PREVIOUSLY OPERATED ON SECRETARY VANCE.)

Q: WHO WAS THE PATIENT?

A: THAT IS REALLY FOR THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT TO ANSWER.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ROLE WAS TO FACILITATE THE VISIT TO EXAMINE A MEMBER OF THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT. WE BELIEVE THE PATIENT-DOCTOR RELATIONSHIP AS WELL AS THE PATIENT'S PRIVACY SHOULD BE RESPECTED. SO, I HAVE NO DETAILS FOR YOU.

Q: IS IT TRUE THAT THE MEDICAL TEAM CARRIED A LETTER FROM THE WHITE HOUSE?

A: THE TEAM DELIVERED A PERSONAL NOTE FROM DR. PETER BOURNE, THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL ADVISOR ON NATIONAL HEALTH, TO THE IRAQI MINISTER OF HEALTH, DR. RIYADH IBRAHIM HUSAIN, WHOM BOURNE HAD MET PREVIOUSLY. CHRISTOPHER

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